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Armed Robbery Suspect Still Wanted in Marion

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

Marion Police are still looking for a suspect who is accused of robbing an employee of Bayside Insurance, on the corner of Route 6 and Creek Road on January 22, 2010. According to the eyewitness, the suspect was armed.

The employee reported that a 5' 10" white male in his late 40's, early 50's entered the business at 8:00 am and demanded money. The suspect fled out the back door of the business at 242 Wareham Street and ran in the direction of Creek Road. A black pick-up truck was seen entering the parking lot prior to the suspect fleeing.

When police arrived on scene, they used a K-9 dog, which tracked some scent on Creek Road, but could not find the suspect. The Marion Police Department believes that the suspect might have gotten into a vehicle, possibly the black pick-up truck, and fled the area.

No injuries were reported from the hold-up. According to the police, the suspect was wearing jeans, and an initial report indicated that the suspect was also wearing a brown Carhartt "barn-style" workman jacket.

At the time of the incident, Marion residents

were sent an automated communicator message from the Plymouth County Sheriff's department. At the time that *The Wanderer* was going to print, Marion police were still looking for this suspect and are now asking for the public's help.

For more information, or if you have information, please contact Detective Scott Smith at the Marion Police Department, at 508-748-1212.

Homeland Security Trains over Tri-Town

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

The air rumbled in Mattapoisett at 7:00 pm on Wednesday night, January 20, when F15s from Westfield-Barne airport trained an "intercept and divert" procedure for the purpose of Homeland Security training.

The loud noise that sounded like thunder to some residents, was actually the F15 aircrafts flying at about 2,000 feet. Ed DeWitt from the New England Regional Airport said that that was "the sound of freedom" as the pilots practiced an important procedure to intercept suspicious aircrafts and divert them to land at local airports.

Mr. DeWitt had "no comment" as to where and when further training exercises would take place, but he did confirm that there would be further training in the area.

Major Matt Mutti from the Westfield-Barne said that the F15s were preparing for an Air Sovereignty Alert

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Dr. William Cooper, Superintendent to Old Rochester Schools for over 7 years, enjoyed a retirement party on January 22, 2010 in the high school cafeteria.



All the committee members, professionals, parents, officials, and students that have worked with Dr. Cooper over the years turned out to say kind words and thank the well-loved superintendent for all his work. For more about the retirement party, please visit this week's Editor's Pick. Photo courtesy of Jane McCarthy. Story and photos on pages 48-49.

On the cover: The winner of our 2010 Groundhog Day Cover Contest is Anthea Andrade of Marion, who submitted this clever rendition of the holiday icon. Anthea's artwork was one of twenty-five submitted and received the highest number of votes on our web page during the past week. Anthea will receive an iPod Touch for her efforts. One lucky voter will be selected at random to receive their own special Groundhog gift as well. Congratulations to Anthea and thank you to everyone who entered and voted!

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on February 15. "Fighter jets will be on alert 24/7," said Major Mutti, as a part of the mission.

In the planned exercise, one set of F15s flies without flight plans, and/or without communication, and acts suspiciously. The other F15s attempt to "intercept and divert" the suspicious aircrafts.

The January 20 air event involved New Bedford and Cape Cod. According to Major Mutti, on January 26, there will be another exercise over New Bedford, and on January 28, there will be an exercise over Cape Cod.

Marion Schools May Still Qualify for Grant

Marion School Committee

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Marion School Committee was called to order by Chairperson Jane McCarthy at 6:30 pm in the Marion Town House. Also present were committee members Christine Winters, Jay Pateakos, Joseph Scott, and Vice Chairman Brad Gordon, Superintendent William Cooper, incoming Superintendent Doug White, School Business Administrator Kathleen Isernio, Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm and Interim Principal Lyn Rivet.

Chairperson McCarthy publicly thanked departing Superintendent Dr. Cooper for his 7.5 years of service. She cited "his calm demeanor, listening skills, and time given to parents" among his admirable traits. Additionally, she noted his role in creating a popular staff newsletter, his tireless enthusiasm for school sports, and his fitness lifestyle as a healthy example for students.

"Bill listens to everyone who wants to be heard," she said. "He is a great example of how to behave in difficult situations." Vice Chairman Gordon added to her remarks: "You've given us good and fair guidance throughout all of the time I've been on the Committee."

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Dr. Cooper heartily thanked Chairperson McCarthy and the board for their positive comments on his service. "I think the world of folks who will volunteer on school boards and take the heat that you do, put in the hours that you do ... and put your ego on the line... to serve for the good of the kids," Dr. Cooper said. The departing Superintendent also described his replacement as "terrific" and said he expected a seamless transition. Mr. White – who already is engaged in school activities in preparation for his new role – will officially replace Dr. Cooper on February 1

Dr. Cooper also commented that the recent

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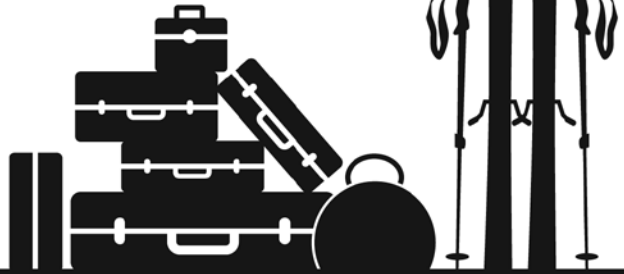
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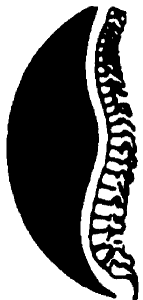


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January 15 in-service was “terrific” and mentioned ORR girls basketball coach Bob Holmes’ accomplishment of winning 500 games last Tuesday as an “up moment” for the school.

As a gesture of thanks, Volunteers at Sippican Elementary (VASE) Chairwoman Ronia Lavranos presented Dr. Cooper with the book Skycycle. She said it was part of the Books in Celebration project for which the organization donates books to the library.

Interim Principal Ms. Rivet discussed a variety of items in her report, including the recent in-service and current activities of the Student Council. She reported that the Student Council currently is conducting a fundraiser in collaboration with Soles for Souls in the hope of distributing shoes to earthquake victims in Haiti. Ms. Rivet also reported that the council is developing a school handbook.

In addition, Ms. Rivet again addressed recent discipline issues on the school bus. She said that most buses do not have problems, but one is a “work in progress.” School officials have had discussions with affected parents and students, she said. Ms. Rivet recently sat on a school bus in an effort to discourage inappropriate behavior and plans to do so on more occasions, she said. The interim principal also talked about a plan to install video cameras to improve security.

Ms. Rivet presented a report detailing her recent site visits to other school districts. She is investigating changes to the Sippican School curriculum, in particular to mathematics, in addition to upgrading the school’s technology stock. She looked at experiences at other school districts to recommend possible new programs at Sippican. Specifically, Ms. Rivet outlined the following recommendations:

- Explore Every Day Math (EDM) pilot/adoption



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to replace the current mathematics curriculum, Scott Foresman.

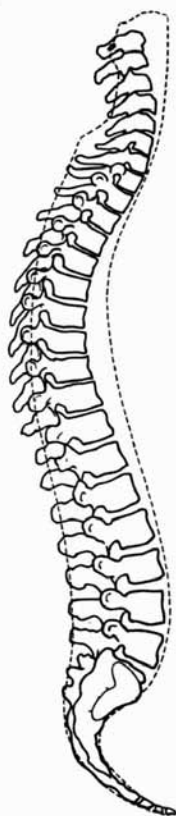
- Look at consistent teacher support and professional development to implement EDM.

- Continue work toward consistent literacy model across grades.

- Plan for cutting-edge technology.

The EDM program would cost \$32 per student for the pilot kit, according to Ms. Rivet. At the time of the meeting, she did not know the price tag for the professional development piece of EDM. Under the EDM program, schools are required to dedicate a minimum of 60 minutes per day to its mathematics curriculum. Sippican School currently devotes 40 minutes of the school day to math. It is unclear how the additional time will be carved out, but Ms. Rivet said the length of the school day would remain unchanged if Sippican adopted the program. She also noted that per feedback from other school administrators, she would recommend the program be initially rolled out in the first two or three grades.

Chairperson McCarthy commented that the adoption of EDM often takes years to cement and parents often are frustrated by the requirements of the program, such as



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increased homework. However, she said once the children hit fourth grade they are fluent in the program. "There is a dip before success with Every Day Math," she said.

In response to concerns that too little time has elapsed since the Marion school last adopted a mathematics overhaul (Scott Foresman Math), Ms. Rivet cited EDM's success in raising student performance in other school districts and the need for consistency among grades in mathematics instruction. She also said the program is less "paper-pencil" and more "concept driven" – which students find more engaging – and that "more is offered for teachers" in terms of professional



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At the tail end of her report, the interim principal acquired approval from the committee to fund a student artwork fundraiser.

Subsequently, the committee voted to approve Minutes from the December 16, 2009, meeting.

School Business Administrator Kathleen Isernio then discussed budgetary issues and acquired approval to use Nutrikids as the vendor of a new cafeteria card system. Under this system, students could pay for lunch using a card in place of cash and parents could monitor their children's lunch purchases. For a small fee, parents could increase a card's balance online. Incoming Superintendent Doug White recommended NutriKids, which was used in districts in New Hampshire where he recently served as superintendent.

After its initial start-up cost, Ms. Isernio determined the program would cost \$640 annually to maintain.

Dr. Cooper then discussed in detail the Race to the Top (RTTT) Grant, a multi-billion dollar federal government program that seeks to enhance educational achievement by utilizing comprehensive assessment tools. The government will announce which states will be included in the grant in mid-April.

Under the RTTT Grant, Dr. Cooper stated that school districts electively get 20% of Title I money. The Marion School District receives \$50,000 in Title I funds, which means the district would get an additional \$10,000 under RTTT. Although this money is not jaw dropping, he said the real funding potential is in the estimated \$250,000 million in grants available at the state level to RTTT-participating schools.

To apply for RTTT, school districts had to receive three signatures: the superintendent; the school board



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chairperson; and the teachers' union.

The Marion teachers' union did not endorse the grant, leaving the district one signature short to submit a complete application. Dr. Cooper noted that Massachusetts is accepting grant applications with just two signatures under a memorandum of understanding agreement, but the viability of these grants remains to be seen. Both Mattapoissett and Rochester School Districts obtained three signatures; thus if Massachusetts is awarded as an RTTT state, Marion could be left out of grants available to these neighboring districts. In Massachusetts alone, 285 school districts obtained three

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signatures compared to 56 that submitted with only two signatures, according to Dr. Cooper.

The lack of Marion's full participation in RTTT not only leads to less money for the district, but failure to "participate in the shape of future public education," Dr. Cooper said. However, Dr. Cooper remained optimistic that negotiations between the school board and the union may allow Marion schools to participate in a modified manner. For instance, the merit program – which Dr. Cooper said may have discouraged teachers to be on board with RTTT – could be tweaked in the future so all parties are on board.

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Ms. Winters said, "I'm disappointed as a board member and a parent." She noted that RTTT would assess students in their individual progress, which she believes would be a powerful tool to enhance student achievement. "This has been a very disappointing process for me," she said. The School Board then voted to approve to continue pursuing participation in RTTT despite the recent setbacks.

Vice Chairman Gordon gave a brief report as representative of the Building Committee. He said that despite significant problems with two coils in the Sippican School's HVAC system, 18 inspections found that the problem is not widespread thus no comprehensive replacements are required. He said the two damper controls were replaced at a relatively low cost. The vice chairman also reported a leak in the rotunda area that resulted in minor damage to interior moldings. He said that a plywood-covered hole – intended for a donated clock that never arrived – will be adequately closed up to prevent future leaks.

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In his report, Mr. Pateakos noted that the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative is providing \$7,500 to consolidate special transportation needs within districts. He also reported on professional development programs for history teachers and instructors of children with English as a second language. In other news, School Board member Mr. Scott announced that the Old Rochester Regional District had reinstated the late bus.

The Marion School Committee voted to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Phone-a-thon Promotes Intercultural Initiative

By Laura Pedulli

While many high schoolers slept in this past Saturday morning, the Old Rochester Regional High School (ORR) chapter of the American Field Service (AFS) hunkered down and participated in a weekend phone-

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The AFS is a cultural exchange program that has been thriving at ORR since the 1970s. The aim of the program is to foster international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools and communities through a global volunteer program. According to AFS chapter treasurer Barbara DeSilva, monies raised during the phone-a-thon will help offset some of the hidden costs of being an exchange student abroad.

Kristina Davis, the previous coordinator of the AFS chapter, noted that ORR has been "extremely supportive" of the intercultural program. She credited this chapter with encouraging schools in Wareham and Lakeville to host their own students. This year, ORR welcomed three international students: Peter Augustin from Germany; Natacha Tanrattana Wong from Thailand; and Diego Saldana from Panama.

Fresh from raising \$25 during his first phone call of the day, sophomore Sam Carey beamed with



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enthusiasm for the AFS club. "I like being part of the club. I have great friends in it and it's fun." Carey is applying for a scholarship to live abroad in Germany for a year through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (Cbye). The Cbye is a federally funded program that offers 250 scholarships to U.S. students wishing to study abroad in Germany.

One student sharing her home with a cultural exchange student is sophomore Kate Ryer. She expressed delight at her experience hosting Mr. Augustin. "It's been an awesome experience. Peter is so much fun to live with," she said. So far, the German student has accompanied Ms. Ryer's family on trips throughout the Eastern seaboard – from Washington, DC and Baltimore to New York City, Boston, and Cape Cod. Ms. Ryer's family has made their own efforts to learn Mr. Augustin's language by posting notecards of German words on objects around the house.

For the time being, Ms. Ryer relishes his presence in her home. "I don't want to think about him leaving. It's too sad," she said. If the experiences of AFS parents who have lived abroad or hosted students are any indicator, it is likely they will forge a long friendship. Ms. Davis, the previous coordinator, noted that she not only hosted an Indonesian student, but lived abroad there for two years and remains in contact with many international students.

Parent Catherine Maxie – who was diligently putting the final stamps on mail solicitations – also reminisced about students she welcomed into her home. "It is very eye-opening and challenging," she said. "Teenagers are the same the world over... they are full of life, full of contradictions."

In the past few years, Maxie's family has opened her home to two students – one from Azerbaijan and the other from Turkey. Maxie recounted her experience

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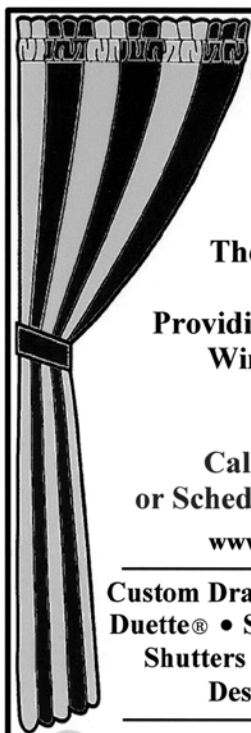
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fasting with the Azerbaijan student who practices Ramadan. She said they would wake up at 4:00am to eat breakfast before sunrise, and she still remembers the treat of rosewater and dates when the sun finally set. The exposure to Muslim traditions was very educational for her two teenagers living at home at the time, she said.

Kim Corazzini, current advisor of the club, noted that the group's activities extend beyond studying abroad and hosting students. Last year the club traveled to Goodwall, Kansas, and welcomed their students to Massachusetts. This year the AFS club is hoping to visit Washington, DC. Other AFS activities include participation in the Manjiro Festival in Fairhaven, MA, in the fall.

In addition, on February 6, the group will host *Around the World: A Multicultural Festival* at Mattapoisett Center School. This event – geared toward pre-K to third grade students – will include games, crafts, songs, music, and dancing. Tickets are \$5.00 per child and \$10.00 per family.

Although the numbers will not be tallied by press time, Ms. DeSilva said the group typically raises between \$4,000 and \$6,000 during the weekend phone-a-thon effort. She noted that it requires \$5,000 to fund a student



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Residents who did not receive a phone call but still wish to contribute can mail their contribution to AFS, Old Regional Rochester High School, P.O. Box 585, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Checks are payable to "AFS Parent Club at ORRHS." For further information, contact Jessica Noblet at 508-758-2676 or e-mail jessicanoblet@gmail.com.

Mattapoisett Adopts Silver Star Banner Day

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A scheduled meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Jordan C. Collyer on January 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Selectmen Paul Silva and George Randall, Town Administrator Michael Gagne', and Assistant to the Selectmen Melody Pacheco.

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting, both open and executive session.

Next in Action items, the Board voted to approve the annual "Change of Manager" at the Knights of Columbus, located at 57 Fairhaven Road in Mattapoisett.

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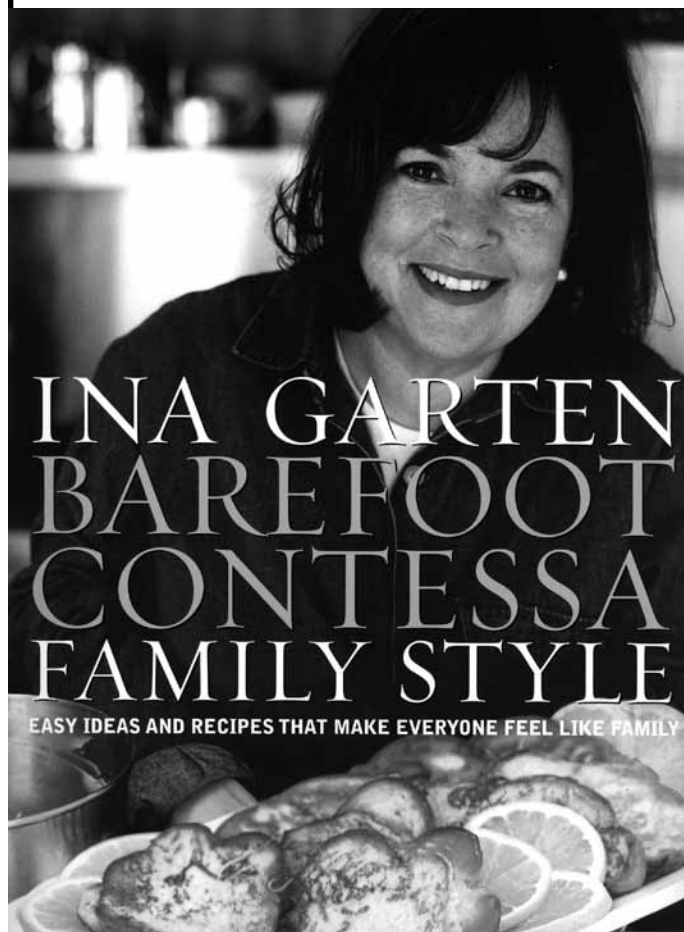
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In a final Action item, the Board voted to accept a proclamation for a Silver Star Banner Day on May 1. Silver Star Families of America is an organization that honors and provides support to wounded and ill men and women in the armed forces. Silver Star Families are recognized by the banners they display in their windows.

The first appointment of the evening was with Will Boutin, who was presented with the Veteran's Council Certificate for 25 years of dedication to the Veteran's Council. Veteran Agent Barry Denham was present to thank Mr. Boutin "for his untiring support of the Veteran's Council." Likewise, Mr. Boutin thanked Mr. Denham for all his work as the Veteran's Agent.

In a following appointment, the Board met with the Mattapoisett Lions Club to discuss banners and the Harbor Days celebration. This was a continuation of a previous discussion where the Mattapoisett Lions requested the Board's support in conducting a fundraiser by hanging banners on telephone poles throughout town. The 50 proposed banners, which would be endorsed by area businesses, would mostly hang on County Road (Route 6), Water Street, Main Street, and North Street, and would "tastefully" emphasize locations and events.

The Lions have received permission from Verizon to use the telephone poles, but the Board still hesitated at the quantity of proposed banners. "The public [needs] an idea of a maximum that will be allowed in a certain distance," said Selectman Silva, who was afraid that the banners could become too crowded in some areas. The



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Board was more supportive of a move where the Lions would hang 10-15 banners and see the visual impact on town, and allow time for residents to provide feedback.

"It's hard to go halfway on this," said a representative from the Lions. The Lions receive a better price break by buying a larger quantity of banners, which makes their fundraiser more profitable.

"I have no qualms doing it," said Selectman Silva. "I just want to make sure that the folks in the neighborhood don't mind."

Chairman Collyer said that he had seen similar banners done very tastefully in areas like Newport, RI, and that he had little concern with the banner placement on County Road, but was more concerned with village areas like Water, Main, and North Street.

Road Race Committee member Danny White spoke up in regards to the fundraiser. Mr. White expressed the opinion that a Lions Club banner fundraiser could take away from the Road Race fundraiser, which provides scholarship money to area students. A representative from the Lions Club said that their funds also stay in the community by providing handicap ramps, and other services to those in need.

The Board told the Lions to go forward with a smaller quantity of banners (25), preferably spaced out throughout the community, to get an idea of how the banners will look.

"A lot of older people [will] talk about it..." said Selectman Randall. "I think we should do a trial run."

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The Lions also presented the dates for 2010 Harbor Days, which will be July 16, 17, and 18. They plan on meeting with Police Chief Mary Lyons, Fire Chief Andrew Murray, and Building Inspector Andy Bobola to pull all the right permits.

"Status quo," said Chairman Collyer. "Let's try to maintain what we've been doing [in past years]."

"Just keep making that Strawberry Shortcake," said Selectman Silva. "I look forward to it."

Under Discussion items, Mr. Gagne' informed the Board that he will be attending the Tri-Town Alliance Municipal Regionalization Workshop in Braintree on

February 10, 2010, and was hoping that one of the selectmen would be interested in going with him. At the presentation will be information on the solid waste pick-up that has been regionalized between Weymouth, Braintree and Quincy.

The Board agreed that regionalization is a good move, but residents have to be diligent about separating trash from recycling as well, since less trash means less "tonnage", which brings waste removal costs down.

"Education will be critical," said Mr. Gagne', who said that they would need an "aggressive recycling program" to keep costs down.

"No one wants to go to 'pay as you throw'," said Chairman Collyer, referring to the program some communities have resorted to, where residents must purchase special town bags for trash removal. This last-ditch effort usually results in more recycling efforts from citizens. While Mattapoissett wants to avoid this measure, they will need cooperation from residents in trash sorting to keep curbside pick-up in the operating budget.

In Notes and Announcements, Ms. Pacheco informed the Board that the next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.

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Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Gagne' updated the Board on the Massachusetts Agricultural Commission Conference on March 20 in Worcester. If enough Mattapoisett residents were interested, Mr. Gagne' thinks that they could put together a carpool and use the COA van to attend the event, which starts at 9:00 am. Those interested should contact Mr. Gagne' at the Town Hall.

Mr. Gagne' also wished to remind the public that the lottery for the dingy list is on Saturday, January 30. If anyone is interested in being included should come to the Town Clerk's office by Friday, January 29, 2010.

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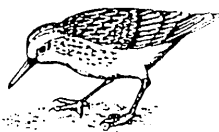
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There being no more open session items to attend to, the Board voted to go into executive session at 8:04 pm for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Rochester Receives S+P Bond Rating

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

By Sarah K. Taylor

A Meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday January 25, 2010 at 6:49 pm by Chairman Richard Nunes. Also present were Selectman Bradford N. Morse, Selectman Naida L. Parker and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The minutes from the January 4, 2010 meeting were approved by the Board.

The first order of business was the temporary Animal Control Officer position, from now until March 18, 2010. Selectman Parker suggested an advertisement be posted so that a resident from Rochester could have an opportunity to fill the position. For the next two weeks, until February 8, 2010, the Board voted to appoint Ms. Susan Conner for the position.

Next, the SEMASS payment in lieu of taxes for the month of December totaled \$284,980.00. A thank you letter from Rochester Youth Baseball to the Selectmen and other town officials for their support this past year was read aloud.

Also under Correspondence, a Standard and Poor's Bond Rating showed that the town of Rochester's current long-term rating is an AA/Standard. The



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Selectman Morse discussed with the other Board members the Tri-Town meeting he recently attended where the ORR budget and regional issues were brought up. Another Tri-Town meeting has been scheduled for the last Thursday in February.

Treasurer Cynthia Mello then presented a consolidation of the Town's debt into one bond, which the Board voted on and approved of unanimously. Some of the debt is due to the 9.5 million the town is responsible for as their share of the Elementary School's renovations cost, as well as a portion for the new fire truck.

A Verizon Pole Hearing was held regarding two new poles to be placed on Ryder Road, and the removal of one old pole. The Board made a motion to approve this change, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mario DiBona then approached the Board regarding the New Bedford Water Line, and Chairman Nunes asked that this be discussed at a later date when

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the Board of Health and the Planning Board could be present as well. Mr. DiBona agreed to this request.

An Annual Herring Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:05 pm at the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen's meeting, which is held in the Conference room at the Mattapoissett Town Hall.

Selectmen's Meetings are scheduled for February 8 and 22, and March 8 and 22, 2010.

There being no further matters in need of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Five-Town Trash Pick-Up Proposed

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

At a Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting on January 21, 2010, the topic of regionalization was the issue of the night.

The meeting, which was hosted by Rochester Selectmen Bradford Morse and Naida Parker, and attended by Mattapoissett Selectmen George Randall and Paul Silva, Marion Selectmen Stephen Cushing, Roger Blanchette and Jonathan Henry, and Town Administrators Richard LaCamera of Rochester and Michael Gagne of Mattapoissett, largely focused on how the Tri-Town can regionalize services.

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Mr. Gagne presented the idea of a Five-Town trash pick-up and removal service, which would include Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Acushnet, and Fairhaven. Since some services, like water and sewer, have been regionalized with Fairhaven, the hope is that another "big ticket" item like solid waste disposal could save all the area municipalities money.

Mr. Gagne said that he would like to "sit down" with Acushnet and Fairhaven and see if they would be interested in such a consortium. "The larger the pool, the larger the contract, the better price we could get," said Mr. Gagne, who cited the trash regionalization of Quincy, Braintree and Weymouth, which has saved those towns over a million dollars.

All Massachusetts towns are currently facing a tough budget, and trash removal will present a dramatic increase in May 2011. Currently, a town like Mattapoisett pays \$60,000 annually for trash removal; according to Mr. Gagne, that number will reach \$250,000 by the year 2015 if the town does not seek some kind of regionalization.

Selectman Blanchette presented the benefit of having trash removal performed by municipal workers, but Mr. Gagne pointed out that regionalization wouldn't necessarily preclude one municipality from taking the

contract for all of the towns.

"There's too many people out there doing too many things," said Mr. LaCamera, in regards to regionalizing services. "There's a lot of discussion going on, but no one's moving forward."

The Selectmen noted that they often talk about regionalization, but the talk doesn't always lead to actualization. Selectman Henry suggested having a person placed in charge of facilitating regionalization efforts.

Mr. Gagne suggested working on a "grassroots level" and then working to regionalize with SRPEDD's help to mobilize their efforts. "You can go to meetings and talk and talk and talk," said Mr. Gagne, but he said that a group like SRPEDD could help them achieve the regionalization.

The Selectmen also tentatively spoke about regionalizing or pooling resources in regards to the elementary schools. This is a topic that will be addressed in further Tri-Town Selectmen meetings.

On the subject of FY11, the Tri-Town Selectmen expressed concern over the upcoming budget that will likely reflect hard economic times. Mr. LaCamera also said that he suspected Governor Deval Patrick would be

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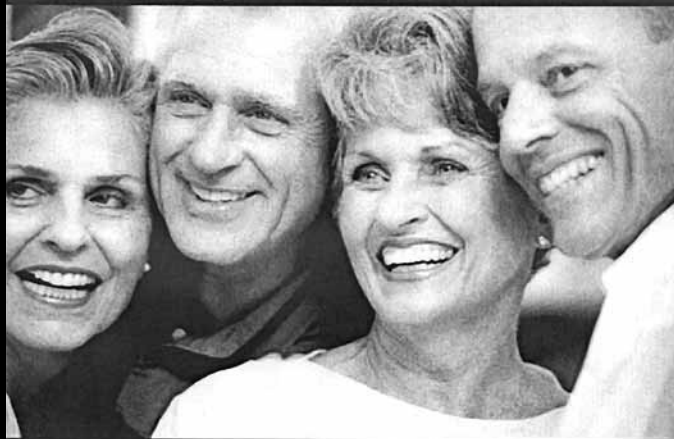
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Besides trash removal, the region will strain under the projected 15% increase in the Plymouth County retirement plan. A discussion about the Plymouth County pension plan will be held on February 8 at 10:30 am in the Lakeville Library.

The Tri-Town Selectmen decided they would meet again on Thursday, February 25, to reconvene on the regionalization topics right before FY11 budgets are scheduled to be released. The governor's budget will be released on February 27, and they will be able to gauge a lot of the towns' spending based on what Governor Patrick says.

There being no more business to attend to, the Tri-Town Selectmen agreed to adjourn at 8:03 pm.

School Report

ORR Ends Term 2

By Anne Smith

Students who are currently in Grades 10 and 11 are being granted the opportunity to attend the Nation Leadership Forum. This forum is a three day comprehensive residential program for students of high academic standing. Not only is the program enriching for the enrolled students, but it also looks great on college resumes, which are included in college applications senior year. Students who are currently in good academic standing and who also demonstrate their leadership abilities both in ORR and in their town are encouraged to apply for enrollment in the program. More information about this opportunity can be found in the guidance department.

Sippican Elementary School is starting an after-school student enrichment program and is therefore looking for high school students to volunteer. The

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program is scheduled to start in March and will run on Thursday afternoons. Students who are interested in volunteering need to go to the assistant principal's office (in the science wing) for an informational form.

By this point, seniors should have gotten measured for their graduation robes during their lunches. When getting measured, the students should bring the \$20 deposit in either cash or check.

Parents of both the junior and sophomore classes have had parent meetings earlier this week. The junior class meeting was on Monday, January 25, and the topic of discussion was the junior semi-formal in May. The following day, the sophomore class meeting was held.

ORR entered the third term on Tuesday, January 26. Students who had missing work should have already turned it in in order for it to be graded. Students who still have missing work have now passed the deadline and will therefore be unable to get credit for the assignment. Report cards will be finalized later in the week, and a copy will be given to every student to take home. Students and parents are also able to see the final grades for the second term by visiting PowerSchool online. Parents should be aware that because the school now uses PowerSchool, teachers are no longer required to



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write comments on the report cards. The reason for this is because parents have the chance to look at their student's grades throughout the term, and thus should be speaking with the teachers if they have any questions. Some teachers, though, still use comments online.

Going forward into the school year, students should be aware of how they budget their time. There are only three weeks until February vacation, and the third term ends shortly after that. The fourth term is even shorter, and one week is devoted to April vacation while another is devoted to finals. Seniors have an even shorter fourth term.

Most students will also be starting their research papers for history in the coming weeks, and the freshmen English classes will also be working on their epics. Students typically complete both assignments last minute, but ORR teachers suggest that students plan ahead and create a timeline for their work, including February vacation within it.

Sports Shorts

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

There was a little reversal of roles this past week as the **Old Rochester Regional Girls Varsity Basketball** team suffered a defeat when they played Coyle-Cassidy High School on January 22. Coyle brought their "A-game" when they played the undefeated **Lady Bulldogs** and won, 50-33. Fear not, Lady Bulldog fans – the girls will have a chance to bounce back on Friday, January 29, when they play Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech (GNB).

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Other upcoming Lady Bulldog games include a January 30 game against Bishop Stang, and a February 2 game against Apponequet Regional.

Boys and Girls **Old Colony Basketball** teams fared better in their games against Bristol County Aggie, with the **Cougars** winning 62-38, and **Lady Cougars** winning 52-24.

The **ORR/Fairhaven Ice Hockey** team is on fire. In a January 23 game against Apponequet, ORR/Fairhaven won 6-0, with goals and assists from **Max Sherman, Gage Silva, Zack Matthews, Dan Glavin,** and **Eric Xavier**. For the fifth year in a row, the **Bulldogs** are going to qualify for the state tournament. The next scheduled ORR/Fairhaven game is against Dartmouth High on February 1.

In the Division 4 state relays at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury, ORR Winter Track performed admirably. On the Boys' team, **Rob Gammel, Bruce Fox, Mike Tiger,** and **Dana Dourdeville** won the distance medley relay with a time of 11:11:35. On the Girls' team, **Kat Vicino, Therese Morss** and **Becca Sylvia** won third place in the long jump.

Upcoming games for **ORR Boys' Basketball** include a game against GNB on January 29, a game

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against East Bridgewater High School on January 30, and a game against Apponequet Regional on February 2.

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In the spring, Buzzards Bay Area Habitat will be looking for build volunteers to finish the home that will be occupied by Jennifer Howlett and her children. Individuals or groups who would like to share their weekend time and skills should visit Habitat’s website at BuzzardsBayHabitat.org, and click on the “Volunteer Now” button. One of the perks of becoming a Habitat volunteer is free lunch! We offer a special thanks to the supermarkets and area restaurants for providing lunches to date.

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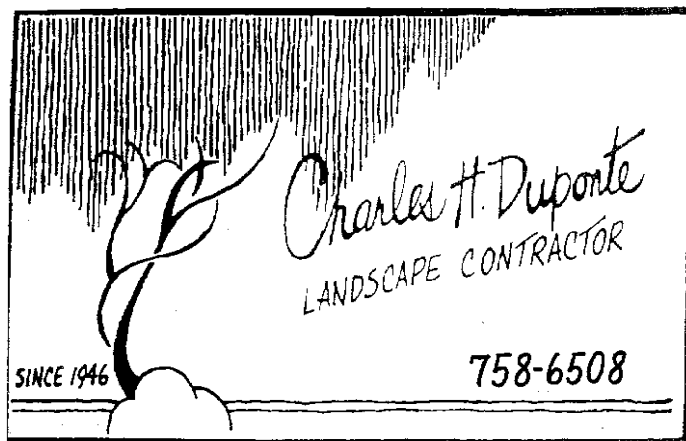
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Marion Boy Scout Derby

For the first time in three years, there will be a Pinewood Derby Marion Pack 32 Cub Scout Race, taking place this Saturday, **January 30, 2010**, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Sippican School Cafeteria, Marion. Cub Scouts, from ages 6 to 13 all build their own cars, which must weigh less than five ounces, that are raced on a wooden track with the winners to receive trophies. All existing and potential scouts and families are welcome. For more information, visit www.marionscouts.com or e-mail: info@marionscouts.com



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Other events to come include a SoapBox derby race through the streets of Marion, a Paw Sox sleepover and so much more. Now is the time to join scouting! Breault said bon-scouts are welcome. For those interested in joining scouting, applications for the 2010 season, which starts in April, will be available at the Derby.

Marion Public Health Announcement

The seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines are available for free to Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester residents. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children 9 years of age and younger receive two doses of H1N1 vaccine.

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- Tuesday, **February 2:** 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Stop & Shop; 9:30 Public Health Nurse.
- Wednesday, **February 3:** 10:00 Zumba Gold; 12:00 Fitness with Karen; 1:30 Bingo.
- Thursday, **February 4:** 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:00 Bridge; Trip to Narrow's Crossing, Wareham.
- Friday, **February 5:** 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Shaws; 10:00 Cardio Dance Fit.

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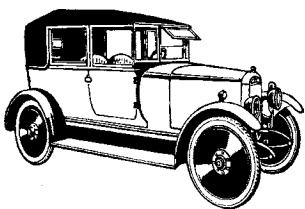
- Flower Show Trips with motorcoach costs \$10. Rhode Island Flower Show is **February 19** and the Boston Flower Show is **March 25**.

Marion COA News

• **Speaker Series** – Back by popular demand, the "Get Smart" speaker series for February is "Memory Fitness." Come hear what you can do to keep your mind sharp on **February 3** at 1:00 pm at the Elizabeth Taber Library. This workshop is free, open to the public, and pre-registration is not required. All speaker series are held the first Wednesday of the month, at 1:00 pm, at the library.

On **March 3**, the topic will be "Understanding Hospice." The presentation will cover what is hospice all about, the benefits of hospice care at the end of life, and understanding the Medicare hospice benefit.

- The next Podiatry clinic will be held on **February 22** at the Council on Aging office. Appointments



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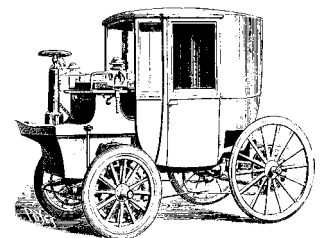
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Ways to Grow Newsletter

Ways to Grow, the newsletter of the Tri-Town Early Childhood Council, will no longer be mailed to tri-town families. The Winter 2010 newsletter can be accessed at www.oldrochester.org. Click on "Early Childhood," then click on "Useful Documents."

For more information, please call 508-748-1863.

Mattapoisett Congregational Pancake Supper

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Machacam Club Meeting

Machacam Club will hold its monthly meeting on **February 3** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, and dinner service at 6:00 pm.

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Congregational Spaghetti Dinner

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church at 27 Church Street will be hosting a Spaghetti and Meatball Supper on Saturday, **January 30, 2010** at 6:00 pm. Included in the supper will be salad, bread, dessert and beverages. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, \$30 for a family, and children 5 and under are free.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Deadline for buying tickets is **January 28**, and they can be purchased from the Church Office, 508-758-2671, or at Sunday's Coffee Hour.

This event will raise funds for transportation to the March 6 Ski Trip.

Old Colony News

- Mattapoisett Freshman **Spencer Grace** was named Student of the Month in the area of Culinary Arts.

- **Evening Community Classes** – Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester is beginning enrollment for their second session of



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Olympic Presentation at Beverly Yacht Club

On **February 20**, the Beverly Yacht Club will be proud to sponsor another exciting presentation for area sailors. Dean Brenner, Olympic Program Chair, and Anna Tunnicliffe, 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist along with other members of the US Sailing Team will share their Olympic sailing experiences. This event is part of a National Tour to bring information about the Olympic Program and its

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Ms. Tunncliffe recently announced she will pursue Women's Match Racing as her primary event as she sets her sights on 2012. Her crew will be: Debbie Capozzi, a 2008 Olympian, and Molly Vandemoer. All three sailors will be present to answer questions at the February 20 Beverly Yacht Club event.

Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the Music Hall the night of the event or you can make reservations by contacting Kerrie at the Beverly Yacht Club: call 508-748-0540 or email kerrie@beverlyyachtclub.org. Children 18 and under are free.

Center School Kindergarten Registration

Completed Registration Forms for all children entering Kindergarten, and new students entering First Grade can be returned to Center School on either Wednesday, **February 10** from 4:00 - 6:00 pm or on Thursday, **February 11** from 8:45 - 10:45 am in the Cafeteria at Center School. Registration is for parents only.

For information on required immunizations and other enrollment requirements, please contact the Center School. If you have a child who was born before August 31, 2005 and is eligible to enter Kindergarten in August 2010, but will not be entering Kindergarten and/or will be attending a private Kindergarten, please call the office at Center School (508-758-2521) to notify us of your decision not to enter your child in Center School for the 2010-2011 school year. This will enable us to keep an accurate count of the number of students who will be entering Center School in September. If you know of a child who is eligible to enter Kindergarten in September and they did not receive this information about our orientation/registration in the mail, please have them contact Center School so that a registration packet can be forwarded to

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These books make wonderful gifts. By selling them, we can benefit all of our seniors here in Mattapoissett. The Mattapoissett Friends of the Elderly look forward to your continued support.

Mattapoissett Democratic Caucus

Registered Democrats in Mattapoissett will be holding a caucus on Saturday, **February 13** at 11:00 to 12:00 pm in the Mattapoissett Public Library lower-level meeting room. The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Worcester on Saturday, June 5. A total of four delegates will vote to endorse Democratic candidates for statewide offices.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Mattapoissett. Candidates for delegate and alternates must consent to nomination in writing and be present at the caucus. Those not elected may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority, and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of age, economic status, ethnic identity, gender, national origin, race, religion or sexual orientation is strictly prohibited by the caucus rules of conduct. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland St., Suite 203, Boston, Ma 02129 no later than ten days after the caucus date.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Riley, Chairperson, at 508-728-5161.



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Rochester Democratic Caucus

The Rochester Town Democratic Caucus will be held at the Rochester Town Hall on Saturday, **February 13** for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the 2010 Democratic Convention Saturday, June 5, 2010 in Worcester, Ma. Delegates must have been registered voters by December 31, 2009. Residents who are registered Democrats in the town of Rochester are eligible to attend as delegates; however, you must attend the Caucus in order to be elected. Registration will start at 9:00 am and the Caucus will begin promptly at 10:00 am. If anyone has any questions regarding the Caucus or would like to become involved with the Rochester Town Democratic Committee, please contact Carol St. Don at 508-763-2795.

Marion Republican Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting and caucus to select delegates for the upcoming April Republican State Convention on Tuesday, **February 2**, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. New members are welcome.

Gateway Babe Ruth Signups

Gateway Babe Ruth is now accepting on line registrations for the 2010 Baseball Season. Players living in the towns of Carver, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester and Wareham who will be 13, 14 or 15 years of age before May 1, 2010 are eligible to play. To download registration forms, go to www.gatewaybaberuth.org. Forms must be submitted by **March 23**, 2010. Tryouts will be conducted for each League. Dates are listed on the website. All parents are encouraged to volunteer their time to the Gateway League. For more information go to www.gatewaybaberuth.org.

Tri-County Music Association

The Tri-County Music Association has received a generous gift from Dino Pimental, West Wareham. The gift is a block of tickets to the upcoming Tri-County Symphonic Band concert on **February 7**, 2010 at 3:00 pm in the Gilbert D. Bristol Auditorium of the Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett. The tickets will be given out, free of charge by visiting the Tri-County Symphonic Band website: www.TriCountySymphonicBand.org. Tickets will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets may also be purchased at the Bookstall in Marion and the Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the concert.

Lions Club News

On Wednesday, January 13, forty-three members and guests of the Mattapoisett Lions club enjoyed a special social evening out with a private tour of the Ocean Explorium in New Bedford, followed by dinner at a popular New Bedford restaurant. Special guests included Lions District Governor Ray Hebert of the North



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• **Upcoming events** include a dinner cabaret scheduled for Saturday, **March 20** at the Knights of Columbus hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett, and the popular Senior Turkey Dinner on Saturday, **April 24** at noon at the Congregational Church Hall. Harbor Days, which is scheduled for the third weekend of July, is already in the planning stages.

Some of our activities so far this year have included: volunteered at the Town's Heritage Days, donated 436 lenses to OneSight to be paired with lenses and distributed to third world nations, hosted a lobster dinner for the Wareham Gateman, established a scholarship committee, manned the concession stand at Mariner Soccer, donated 465 items to Project Shoebox which sends toiletries and non perishable items to troops serving overseas, provided hearing aids to needy seniors, donated 1200 pairs of eyeglasses to be sent overseas, built a wheel chair ramp, donated towards the purchase of an additional defibrillator at the local high school, hosted a Harvest Dinner and Antiques appraisal show, sponsored the Peace Poster contest at Old Hammondtown school with 80 participants, held an electronics recycling event, and collected canned goods and new toys at the town's Holiday in the Park. So if you are interested in joining a great social service organization whose motto is: "We Serve," please visit our website at www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org.

ORR Youth Lacrosse

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Interested in bringing Lacrosse to ORR High School? Contact Kristi Marshall at Kristi.marshall@comcast.net. ORYLAX is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Recreation Department.

Mattapoisett Youth Baseball Registration

Registration for the upcoming 2010 Mattapoisett Youth Baseball Association - MYBA baseball season - began January 1. All registrations along with manager evaluations and payment must be postmarked by **February 1**.

Registration forms along with 2009 manager evaluation forms are available online at the MYBA website <http://www.mybaonline.us>. Registration forms and manager evaluation forms will also be distributed at OHS and Center School the week of January 4.

Evaluations for any players wishing to move up a division will be held on Saturday **February 27**. Any player wishing to move up from AAA to Minors or Minors to Majors must attend the evaluation. For additional

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Pan-Mass Challenges Tri-Town

Pan-Massachusetts Challenge gave \$30,384,200 to the Jimmy Fund for a 30-year total of \$270 million. The 2009 Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) has contributed \$30,384,200 to adult and pediatric cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its August cycling event.

15 PMC cyclists, who reside in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, raised \$63,866 of the \$30.4 million.

The PMC's 30th year marked a total of \$270,000,000 in funds raised for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The contribution represents 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar, a charity pass through rate nearly unparalleled within the \$3 billion athletic fundraising event industry.

This PMC fundraising gift is the single largest contribution made to the Jimmy Fund in 2009, representing 50 percent of the charity's annual revenue. The funds raised by the 4,937 cyclists of the 2009 PMC brings the organization's 30-year total Jimmy Fund gift to

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The 31st annual PMC is set for **August 7 and 8, 2010**. Registration opened online on **January 12** for alumni and **January 19** for newcomers. For more information about the Pan-Mass Challenge visit www.pmc.org.

South Coast Chamber Music Society

The South Coast Chamber Music Society's 10th anniversary season continues to present a legacy of great compositions with concerts at 5:00 pm on Saturday, **March 20**, at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion, and at 5:00 pm and on Sunday, **March 21**, at Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford at 3:00 pm.

Tickets may be purchased for \$18 and ordered in advance by calling 508-295-2968, or at the door on the day of the concert. The box office opens 30 minutes before each concert. Attendees 16 and under are encouraged and admitted free of charge. Both concert venues are wheelchair accessible. For more information on SCCMS programs, ticket purchases, and directions please visit our website, www.southcoastchambermusic.org or call 508-295-2968.

These concerts are sponsored in part by the New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

The South Coast Chamber Music Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring great achievements by presenting high quality chamber music to Greater New Bedford and the communities of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Marion Natural History Museum

• **Picnic in the Past** – There will be a Friday evening program at the Museum on **February 26**, on the archaeology of Southeastern Massachusetts from 5:00 to

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Upcoming After-school Programs:

- **February 10** – Birds at the feeder. Let's get to know who's who at your bird feeder. Avid birder Mark Sylvia will introduce us to some of the more common birds we see at our feeder during the winter months.
- **March 10** – Butterflies of the museum with museum director Elizabeth Leidhold. We will be looking at the museum's historic butterfly displays and working on a project. Cost is \$4.00 per child, \$6.00 per adult or \$10.00 per family.

Tri-Town Early Childhood News

Applications for project grow for the 2010/2011 school year will be mailed to families the first week of February. Enrollment is open to all children residing in the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester who were born between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2007. If you do not receive your application by **February 8**, please call the Early Childhood Office to request one at 508-748-1863.

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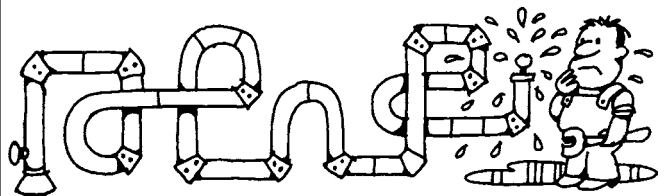
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Left: Don't fear the ribbon. Marion residents may see blue ribbons around trees in the village area, marking particularly large trees near power lines. N Star has attached blue ribbons to "wish list" trees that they would like to remove. They will be in contact with the property owners, who will be able to grant or deny permission. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.



Above: At the January 2010 meeting of the Marion Flotilla, Jane Ulewicz (left), Flotilla Commander, presented Betty and Bert Theriault with a Service Award that recognized their 35 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Photo by Mike Frates, Flotilla 63.



Left: At a recent meeting, Lions Club member Michael Lamoureux (center) of Mattapoisett was awarded a certificate for 25 years as a member of the Mattapoisett Lions Club. District Governor Raymond Hebert presented the award and Past District Governor and Mattapoisett Lion, Don Correia, also extended his congratulations. The Lions Club thanks Mike for 25 years of service to Lions and the community! Photo courtesy of Rebecca McCullough.



Buzzard's Bay Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that aims to provide affordable housing to residents in need, is collaborating with Upper Cape Regional High school and volunteers to work on a new home in Wareham this winter. BBHFH is always seeking new volunteers and monetary donations. For more information, visit www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org. Photo courtesy of Christine Halle.

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Plumb Library News

• **Trustee Vacancy** – The Trustees for the Joseph Plumb Memorial Library are seeking to fill vacant seats on the Board. The Trustees would like to invite members of the Rochester community who have an interest in libraries to contact Library Director Gail Roberts, either by dropping by the library, calling 508-763-8600, or emailing groberts@sailsinc.org. Anyone interested in becoming a Trustee is invited to attend the next meeting on Saturday, **February 6, 2010** at 8:30 am.

Commitment to this Board is at least 1 to 2 hours per month. Meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of every month from 8:30 to 10:00 am throughout the year. Qualifications necessary to fill this post include a belief in the library and its role in the community and a willingness to advocate when necessary. For more information on the vacancy and the requirements, please come to the February 6 meeting, or contact Library Director, Gail Roberts, for more information.

• **Toddler Storytime** – There is still space available in the Toddler Storytime that takes place on Fridays at 10:30 am. Children ages 2 and 3, and their

parents or caregivers enjoy stories, songs, easy crafts, and a snack. Pre-registration is required, and Rochester residents have first preference. Call 508-763-8600 or drop by the library to register.

• **Café Parlez** – In 2010, Cafe Parlez, the monthly book discussion group, will be going to the movies. Each book this year has been made into a movie, and participants can read the book and/or watch the movie. January's book is *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. This story about Chris McCandless who gave up all of his possessions and walked alone into the Alaskan wilderness to invent a new life for himself, was made into a film in 2007. We will discuss this book and movie on Thursday, **January 28** at 6:30 pm. Books (both print and audio) and copies of the movie are available at the desk, or you can bring your own copy.

• **The Genealogy Club** meets every Thursday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the library. If you are interested in researching your family history, or in looking into some aspect of local history, drop by the library to meet with the local historians.

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Legion. Starring Paul Bettany and Dennis Quaid.
Directed by Scott Stewart. Running time: 100 minutes.
MPAA rating: R.

A lot of movies these days pay tribute to cheesy '80s exploitation flicks. *Legion* actually is one, though it was shot in 2008 and has computer effects (which aren't much more convincing than what filmmakers had to work with in the '80s). It's essentially John Carpenter's *Assault on Precinct 13* meets *The Prophecy*, with a side order of *Maximum Overdrive* (most of the film unfolds in and around a greasy spoon in the middle of the desert). Its creaky script (which stops dead every so often so that a pair of characters can emote at each other) puts a pretty low ceiling on how much better the movie could've been, but it could've been worse. It's highly forgettable but reasonably Netflixable.

Paul Bettany, in the first of his two films with first-time director Scott Stewart this year (next up: *Priest*, in August), plays an angel named Michael who rebels against God's plan to wipe us all out. Michael de-wings himself, arms himself to the teeth, and heads off in search of Charlie the diner waitress (Adrienne Palicki), whose unborn child is the future of mankind. Michael holes up in the diner with a ragtag assemblage who just happen to be there, including the joint's owner (Dennis Quaid), his son (Lucas Black), the cook (Charles S. Dutton), a well-to-do family waiting for their Beemer to be fixed (Kate Walsh, Jon Tenney and Willa Holland), and an estranged dad (Tyrese Gibson) who, fortunately, is packing heat.

From there, it's a stand-off against creepy possessed people, who can walk on ceilings and sport sharklike teeth. I knew I was going to kinda like this movie when Dennis Quaid, having already endured an attack by a sharp-fanged old lady, pointed a shotgun at Paul Bettany and hollered "Lemme see your teeth! TEETH!" and Bettany sort of sighed and displayed his

perfectly normal angelic choppers.

Legion is full of borderline stupid (sometimes not so borderline) moments like that. The scene that finally totally won me over: a heartfelt scene between Michael and Quaid's unfortunately named son,

who's having a crisis of doubt; Michael lists all the good things the goofily monikered kid has done, and finishes with a somber "You, Jeep. You're the reason I have faith." Paul Bettany already has an Oscar from me for saying that line without falling down laughing.

The rest of us are free to yuk it up. I didn't feel that my enjoyment of *Legion* was ironic or mean, or on a *Mystery Science Theater 3000* level. The movie takes its absurdity very very seriously, but somehow it retains the vibe of the sort of flick you used to encounter in the video store in a lurid, battered clamshell case. I loved watching Paul Bettany stomp around grimly with a variety of serious weaponry; I knew melodrama in 2010 wouldn't get much finer than a tearful Kate Walsh snarling at her bratty teen daughter, "It's *all your fault* we're here! I was *happy* in my home"; I cackled when the film began and ended with the same idiotically portentous line of narration. Most of all, I cherished the idea that, if God were to get sick of us all and decide to pull the plug, he'd do it with an army of possessed people easily put down with bullets and stymied by a few boarded-up diner windows. And I'm comforted that they still do make movies like they did back in the '80s.



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• **Read and Play Away** – Don't have an MP3 player or iPod? The library circulates playaways, which are small MP3 players that hold one book each for listening. Supply your own headphones and you are ready to go! Great for listening while walking and exercising! The collection is near the audiovisual items near the Circulation Desk.

• **Storytimes for the New Year** – The Winter Story Time series has begun. Please call the Children's Department for more details at 508-758-4171. Family story time is the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 am. It is open to everyone, and families are encouraged to bring their favorite books to share.

• **Chess Club** – Students age 5 and up are

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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Dr. Cooper

After over 7 years of tireless leadership, Dr. William Cooper retired from his position as superintendent of Old Rochester Regional schools this month. A celebration at the high school honored Dr. Cooper's work in the district with entertainment provided by the jazz bands and chorus. A group of Dr. Cooper's colleagues milled around the high school cafeteria, occasionally

stopping to reminisce about one of Dr. Cooper's many accomplishments.

Any tribute to Dr. Cooper would be remiss if it didn't address his demeanor. Marion School Committee Chairperson Jane McCarthy described Dr. Cooper as the "consummate gentleman"; this penchant for maintaining a polite and welcoming demeanor has ingratiated Dr. Cooper with everyone from teachers to parents, professionals, officials, and reporters. Dr. Cooper is particularly known for being soft-spoken, eloquent, and dry-witted. Even the celebration, which was coordinated by Diana Russo, was kept low-key, because that is the way Dr. Cooper likes it.

Being the superintendent for four districts: Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and ORR, meant a lot of night meetings: by ORR School Committee Chairperson Dr. Peter Bang's estimate, Dr. Cooper had spent approximately 1,500 hours in Committee meetings during his tenure. "For that," Dr. Bangs said to Dr. Cooper's wife Elaine, "we are sorry." At school committee meetings, Dr. Cooper never showed a hint of exhaustion, and even until the end of his tenure, he treated every meeting like it was the most important one yet.

Present at the retirement ceremony was Rochester Police Chief Paul Magee. Chief Magee remarked that, from a professional standpoint, Dr. Cooper was "very responsive to the police, and has certainly been responsive to police in the school community." As a father, Chief Magee was impressed with the way Dr. Cooper provided stability to the district.

Everyone present had glowing remarks for their distinguished leader. Rochester School Chairperson Sharon Hartley said that Dr. Cooper would be "greatly missed" and Rochester and SU #55 Committee member Sharon Laliberte said that she was thankful for all the work Dr. Cooper did in



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his 7.5 years.

Among Dr. Cooper's achievements was the establishment of the Tri-Town Business Association. The Tri-Town Business Association (TTBA) was established in 2003 as a way for the Tri-Town business community to keep close communication with Old Rochester schools, providing job fairs and internship opportunities to the community. TTBA continues to meet once a month.

Another legacy that Dr. Cooper leaves behind is the Tri-Town Topics Newsletter, which discussed all matters related to the school in an effort to keep parents well informed. The Newsletter publishes articles from school committee chairpersons, principals, students, administration, and even graduates, and fosters a sense of unity among all those concerned with the Old Rochester Regional district.

One of the most remarkable achievements in Dr. Cooper's career was his dedication to visiting every classroom in the Old Rochester Regional system. Students recognized Dr. Cooper as a part of their day-to-day lives, and

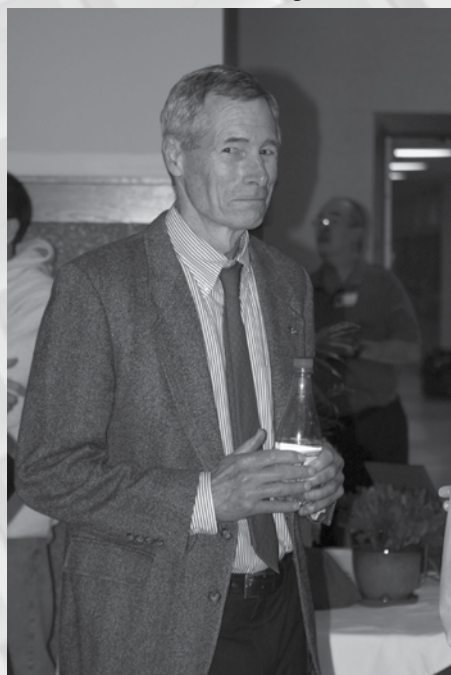
not just an administrator giving orders from a desk. Dr. Cooper never missed a single drama production, attended all school concerts, and even acted as a scorekeeper and emcee at various school sports events.

Dr. Cooper was supposed to retire on December 31, 2009, but agreed to stay a little longer to keep the schools on track until the new superintendent, Douglas White, could start. Dr. Cooper's interest in the "youngsters" of the Tri-Town never waned, and he remained committed throughout the Race to the Top conversations between school committees and the teachers' union to make sure that the Tri-Town remained competitive among area districts.

At the retirement party, Dr. Cooper was presented with a set of Arthur Moniz sketches depicting areas in the Tri-Town: the Shipyard Park Gazebo in

Mattapoisett, Bird Island in Marion, and the Eastover Farm in Rochester. Dr. Cooper's wife Elaine was presented with a silver Nantucket basket necklace as a thank you for all of her cooperation and help over the years. Jane McCarthy also gave Dr. Cooper a book filled with photographs and letters to Dr. Cooper from teachers, principals, committees, and other community members as a keepsake.

Dr. Cooper's colleagues all agree that this is not goodbye. The Tri-Town looks forward to seeing Dr. Cooper on the sidelines and in the audience for many years to come. There's one man in Mattapoisett with a whole lot more time on his hands...



A retirement party for Dr. William Cooper was held at the Old Rochester Regional High School's cafeteria on January 22, 2010. Photos by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.



Dressed in tuxedos and black evening gowns, the ORR Chorus sang "Footsteps in the Sands of Time"



The high school Jazz Band entertained guests.



Those who attended Superintendent Dr. Cooper's retirement party on January 22, 2010, signed a card of thanks.



Student artwork decorated the high school cafeteria at Dr. Cooper's retirement party.

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



On Saturday, January 23, 2010 the Toe Jam Puppet Band performed at the Center School in Mattapoisett to benefit the Project Grow Parents Group. Children and adults danced while the band entertained them with original songs and general silliness. Photos by Felix Perez.



Toe Jam Puppet Band Member, Vinny Lovegrove, warms up the crowd with some bubbles before the show.



Above: Some lucky kids got to go on stage and help the Toe Jam Puppet Band tell a fun story.



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welcome to Wednesday nights Chess Club! Beginners and more advanced players gather at 6:30 pm to play and share strategies. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your chess set.

• **Lego Club** – Meetings of the Library's Lego Club will kick off in March on a Saturday afternoon! Until then, donations of Duplos and Legos are needed. Have a Lego table you no longer need? Lego fans who would like to display their creations are welcome to speak with Mrs. Burke in the Children's Department.

• **Young Adult Advisory Board** – The next meeting of TOM, Teens of Mattapoisett, is Tuesday, **February 9** from 6:30 to 7:45 pm in the Meeting Room. An enthusiastic group of junior and high school students from various schools are assisting the staff in developing the library's Young Adult program. Student who would like to get involved and help plan our programs and activities for young adults are welcome to participate! Contact Jan Bolton for more information at 508-758-4171.

• **MFPL Book Discussion Group** – The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Book Discussion Group will be held Saturday, **January 30** at 2:00 pm. The title to be discussed is "E. B. White" by Scott Elledge. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the lively discussion of this interesting man of letters. Copies of the biography can be placed on hold through the SAILS catalog. Please ask the library staff if you need assistance reserving a copy.

The library is located at 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. For additional information you may phone the library at 508-758-4171.

Elizabeth Taber Library

• **Winter Programs 2010** – Every day during the winter has Drop-In Crafts in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Children of all ages are invited to

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enjoy the activities.

• **Tales for Twos** – An 8-week series of story times for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months runs through **February 24**. The half-hour of stories, finger plays and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2010 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Rosemary Grey at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

• **Story Time** – A story time for children between the ages of 3 and 5 runs through the week of **February**



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Birth

Marissa Langley and Matthew Hilton of Marion, MA are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, a son, **James Thomas Langley Hilton** who was born on December 30, 2009. James' proud grandparents are Kathy and James Hilton of Middleboro and Marsh and Jammers McDonald of Dartmouth.

Obituaries

Frances Pernas, 93, of Mattapoisett died December 30, 2009. Frances, the youngest of the three daughters of the late Francis and Jeannette (Munoz) Pernas of Cranford, NJ was a graduate of Hillside Girls Boarding School and Wells College in Aurora, NY.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her Memorial Service on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 11:00am at the Friends Meeting House, 103 Marion Rd, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Mattapoisett Land Trust, Inc., PO Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Almedina H. (Barros) Lopes, 90, of Marion, died January 24, 2010 at home. She was the widow of the late Albert A. Lopes who died in 1953. She was the daughter of the late Manuel and Dominga (Oliveira) Barros. She was born in Marion and lived there all of her life.

Mrs. Lopes worked as a housekeeper in private homes for many years before retiring. She was a communicant of St. Rita's Church.

Survivors include 3 sons, Albert "Rocky" Lopes and his wife Anna of New Bedford, John Lopes and his wife Marie of New Bedford, Clifton Lopes and his wife Carolyn of Mattapoisett; 3 daughters, Medina "Molly"

Gilbert of Marion, Faith Lopes of Marion and Rosalyn Lacerda of Falmouth; a bothers, Alfred Barros of Marion; 2 sisters, Hilda Silva of Marion and Mary "Mamie" Offley of New Bedford; 18 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Robert A. Lopes and 4 grandchildren.

Her funeral will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 29, 2010 from the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., (Rte.28), Wareham, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in St. Rita's Church, Marion. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Wareham. Visiting hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Frank P. Webb, 66, of Mattapoisett died January 24, 2010 at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. He was the husband of Kathleen L. (Wood) Webb.

Mr. Webb was born in Norwalk, CT, son of Francis E. Webb of Tampa, FL and Frances (Smith) Gammer of Manhattan Beach, CA, and resided in Mattapoisett since 1978. He was the owner/operator of Whaling City Auto Parts and also worked as a property manager. He was a member and past president of the Downshifters Car Club, Norwalk, CT.

In addition to his widow and parents, he is survived by 3 sons: R. Lucas Webb of Plymouth, W. Matthew Webb of Mattapoisett and J. Patrick Webb of Mattapoisett; 4 grandchildren: Kayla S. Webb of Rochester, Roxy J. Webb of NC, W. Ryder Webb of NC and Jacob L. Webb of Plymouth, 2 cousins and several aunts & uncles. He was brother of the late Douglas H.R. Webb.

Mr. Webb's funeral services will be private.

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15. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger plays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:30. Pre-registration is required.

- **Lap-Sit** – A program for babies from birth through 23 months and their caregivers, runs through **February 23**. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 and includes a 20-minute “story time” followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per lap, please.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library’s website at www.sailsinc.org/Marion.

Shining Tides Preschool

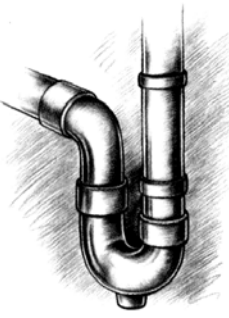
There will be a Shining Tides Preschool Open House at the Mattapoisett YMCA on Tuesday, **February 2** at 6:15 pm. This will be your chance to register your child for September preschool.

The event is the perfect opportunity to meet and speak with the Preschool Director, Tricia Weaver, along with other Shining Tides staff. You will be able to tour the Shining Tides facility and learn about everything that the preschool – a NAEYC accredited program – has to offer, as well as register your child for September.

For more information, contact Tricia Weaver, Shining Tides Preschool Director, at 508-758-4203, ext. 101, or e-mail tweaver@ymcasouthcoast.org. The Mattapoisett YMCA is located at 38 Reservation Road, Mattapoisett.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk News

2010 Census – The 2010 Town Census forms will be mailed shortly to every household. Please review to be sure that the information is correct, sign, date and return to the Town Clerk’s Office, either by mail or in person. If you have a dog, there is a license renewal form on the



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back of the census form. Fill in the information and return with the appropriate fee and a 2010 license will be mailed to you. During the next couple of months you will also be receiving a Federal Census Form. Federal Census is conducted every 10 years. This is different from the Town Census and also needs to be responded to as soon as possible.

Marion Town Clerk News

- **Marion Annual Street Listing 2010** (census) forms are being mailed out this month. Please complete the forms as soon as possible and drop them off at the Town House, 2 Spring Street or mail them back in the enclosed envelope.

These census forms are very important for the town as State aid is based on the numbers returned. The Annual Street List is compiled from this information. No children under the age of 16 are placed in the street list. However, it is very important that children be noted on the census form for school and state purposes, but again, no children under the age of 16 are placed in the street list.

Also, please note that a separate Federal Census form will be arriving around the same time.



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Louise B.(Mahoney) Secatore, 86, of Fall River died January 19, 2010 in Adams House. She was the wife of Louis A. Secatore for the past 62 years. Born in Milton, Massachusetts, a daughter of the late Henry and Catherine (Fahey) Mahoney, she spent her youth in Milton, graduating from Milton High School, Class of 1941.

She lived in Quincy and Braintree for several years then Raynham for 40 years moving to Fall River several years ago. She and her husband also summered in Marion for over 30 years.

In addition to being a homemaker, she served as a Director on the Board of Taunton Visiting Nurses for 20 years prior to and during its merge with Fall River VNA. After retirement she and her husband traveled extensively. Mrs. Secatore's activities with her family as wife, mother and grandmother were her lifes' pleasure. She was a longtime communicant and very active with the Women's Guild of St. Ann's Church while in Raynham, a communicant of St. Rita's Church in Marion and St. Joseph's Church while in Fall River.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three daughters: Janet Ann Secatore of Brookline, MA, Patricia Louise Clarkson of Mattapoisett, MA, Irene Marie Bhatti of Plainville, MA, two sons: Richard Louis Secatore of West Roxbury, MA, Mark Joseph Secatore of Cartersville, GA, one sister Margaret Kidder of Rockport, MA, ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. She was sister of the late John Mahoney, S.J., Mary Spears and Rita DeFilippo.

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Shane Andrew Thatcher, age 3, passed away after a long fight with Neuroblastoma on Friday, January 22, 2010, at the Children's Hospital in Boston, MA. He was the son of Arielle Sabra and Andrew Thatcher, beloved grandson of Sheri and Dennis McIntyre, Louise and Steve Thatcher, many wonderful aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He loved life and played to the fullest. Shane will always be loved and never forgotten. Arrangements were by the Silva-Faria Funeral Home, 730 Bedford Street, Fall River,. Interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Carol Ann (Landry) Engman, Jomala, Finland, formerly of Brockton, Mass., died suddenly in her home Jan. 12, 2010. Born Dec. 25, 1955, in South Weymouth, Mass., Carol graduated from Brockton High School in 1973. Carol then graduated from Massasoit Community College as a registered nurse and furthered her education at North Adams State College and UMass-Boston, where she received a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Carol earned a masters degree in public health nursing abroad at the University of Helsinki in Finland. Carol served as a compassionate caregiver in Finland for many years, specializing in geriatrics and community nursing. She loved to travel and was an avid reader of historical and religious texts.

Carol is survived by her two loving parents, Lawrence S. and Mary E. (Beary) Landry of Mattapoisett, Mass., formerly of Brockton, Mass.; her beloved children, Theresa G. Engman of Mariehamn, Finland, Mary E. Engman of Arbaga, Sweden, and Patrick R. Engman of Mariehamn, Finland; dear sisters, Marie Katz and her husband Michael of Bridgewater, Mass., Mary Ellen Spence and her husband Alan of Mattapoisett and Edzell, Scotland, and Elizabeth Weimert and her husband Richard of Farmington, N.H.; doting Godmother, Sr. Claire O'Neil of Rockville Centre, N.Y.; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Donations in Carols memory can be made to a charity of your choice. Funeral services will be held in Mariehamn, Finland. A Mass and memorial service will be held for Carol this summer in Rockland, Mass.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Milestone section, please contact our office at : 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com. Included in the Milestone Section is Birth Announcements, Obituaries, Engagement Notices, Wedding Notices, Anniversaries and Memorials.

It is important that both Marion Annual Street Listing and Federal Census forms be filled out and returned as soon as possible. We thank you all in advance for your cooperation.

• **2010 Dog Licenses** are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Please stop by or use the application which will be with the Annual Street List form making sure to read the instructions carefully as incomplete applications will be returned. People over 70 years of age do not have to pay for one dog license fee but are still responsible for showing current rabies information.

Please call the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502 with any questions you may have.

Rochester Town Clerk News

• **Dog Licenses** – It is now time to renew your dog's licenses for 2010. Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's office. The fee is \$7.00 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$10.00 for intact animals. Mass. General Laws require you to have current rabies information in order to obtain a dog license.

• **Annual Town Election** – The Annual Town Election will be held on Wednesday, **April 14, 2010**. Nomination papers are now available for candidates for



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MARION

Log highlights January 17-January 23

- Joanne Dr – Larceny/past
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Larceny/past
- Front St – Assist other police dept
- Old Indian Trail- Disturbance/family
- Converse Rd – Medical emergency
- Cottage St – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – General offense
- Point Rd – Medical emergency
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Benson Brook Rd – Suspicious person
- Mill St – Motor vehicle stop
- Spring St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Pleasant St – Suspicious person
- Moorings Rd – Fire alarm
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Jenney Ln – Burglar alarm
- Point Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Joanne Rd – larceny/past
- Point Rd – transport
- Wareham Rd – Armed robbery
- Tara Terr. – General service
- Wareham Rd – MVA/property
- Delano Rd – Burglar alarm
- Creek Rd – Suspicious MV
- Delano Rd – Power line down
- 195 Westbound – motor vehicle compliant
- Pitcher St – Medical emergency
- Converse Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Front St – MVA/property

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights January 17-January 23

- Lil's way – Animal control
- Water St – Alarm, burglar
- Pearl St – Parking violation
- Holly St – Fire, structure
- Long Plain Rd – Trespassing
- Marina Dr – Disturbance
- Crestfield St – Vandalism
- North St – Safety/road hazard
- Aucoot Rd – General service
- North St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Foster St – Animal control
- Shaw St – MV crash
- County Rd – 209A order issued/extended
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Acushnet Rd – Vandalism
- Brandt island Rd – Officer wanted
- Oak Rd – Ambulance request
- Church St – Suspicious person
- Driscoll Ln – Animal control
- North Rd – Summons service
- Tallman St – Alarm, fire
- North St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Radar assignment
- Tallman St – General service
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Threats
- Acushnet Rd – Safety/road hazard
- Church St – Animal control
- Uncas Way – Suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Rd – Peace officer

ROCHESTER

Log highlights January 19 – January 24

- County Rd – Ambulance request
- Rounseville Rd – Health/welfare check
- North Ave – Restraining order
- High St – Utilities
- Wolf Island Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – Radar assignment
- County Rd – Keep the peace
- North Ave – Health/welfare
- Pauline's Way – General service
- Dexter Ln – Motor vehicle stop
- Briarwood Ln – Assist citizen
- Neck Rd – Radar assignment
- Mary's Pond Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- North Ave – Officer wanted
- Stevens Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – Ambulance request
- New Bedford Rd – Disabled vehicle
- North Ave – Drug violations
- Mattapoisett Rd – General services
- Briarwood Ln – Investigation
- High St – Erratic operation, arrest
- Pierce St – Complaint
- Alley Rd – Ambulance request
- Elizabeth Dr – Suspicious MV
- Pierce St - Disturbance
- Dexter Ln - Transport
- Neck Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- New Bedford St – General service
- North Ave – Suspicious motor vehicle
- Gerrish Rd – Alarm, burglar



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 Wednesday Feb 3: Macaroni & Cheese, escalloped tomato, whole wheat roll, fruit cup
 Thursday Feb 4: Roast turkey w/gravy, cranberry sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, peas, onions, wheat bread, hermits. Diet: Graham waffle
 Friday Feb 5: American chop suey, chuckwagon corn, multi grain roll, pears

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CENTER SCHOOL

Monday Feb 1: Chicken patty, french fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

Tuesday Feb 2: Scrambled eggs, English muffin, ham chunks, 100% juice, choice of milk
 Wednesday Feb 3: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday Feb 4: Taco w/all the fixings, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday Feb 5: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk, cookie

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday Feb 1: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday Feb 2: Egg, sausage, cheese on an English muffin, spiced warm apple slices, choice of milk
 Wednesday Feb 3: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday Feb 4: Taco w/all the fixings, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday Feb 5: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk, cookie

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday Feb 1: Rib B Que sandwich,

baked French fries, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday Feb 2: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday Feb 3: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday Feb 4: Pulled pork on Portuguese roll, breaded green beans, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday Feb 5: Quesadilla, fries or Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk, cookie

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday Feb 1: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday Feb 2: Egg, sausage, cheese on an English muffin, spiced warm apple slices, choice of milk
 Wednesday Feb 3: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday Feb 4: Taco with all the fixings, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday Feb 5: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday Feb 1: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday Feb 2: Egg, sausage, cheese on an English muffin, spiced warm apple slices, choice of milk
 Wednesday Feb 3: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, bread stick, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday Feb 4: Taco with all the fixings, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday Feb 5: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday Feb 1: Cheeseburger or hamburger, fries, green beans, apple slices
 Tuesday Feb 2: Baked chicken, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, pears
 Wednesday Feb 3: Soft tacos, lettuce, tomato, salsa, nachos, corn, peaches
 Thursday Feb 4: Chicken patty, pasta salad, peas, strawberries.
 Friday Feb 5: French bread pizza, salad, fruit

Town Clerk's office at 508 763 3866.

Marion Tax Collector Notice

Marion Tax Collector Gary J. Carreiro would like to remind residents that third quarter Fiscal Year 2010 Actual Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills are due Monday, **February 2**, 2010. Taxpayers may make payment online at www.marionma.gov through eBill having their payments directly withdrawn from their checking or savings account or alternatively mailing their payment to the Town of Marion 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 or make payment directly at the Town House Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and on Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

If you are unable to locate your payment coupon, please call the Tax Collector's office for the amount due.

According to Massachusetts General Law, failing to receive a tax bill does not relinquish the requirement to pay the tax bill, which will result in penalties, charges and interest for late payment. Please contact the Tax Collectors office at 508-748-3504 or 508-748-3505 with any questions that you may have regarding your bill.

Mattapoisett Taxes Due

Mattapoisett Town Collector Brenda Herbeck announces that the third quarter of the 2010 Actual Tax Bills are due **February 1**. Tax bills were mailed on December 31, 2009.

Taxpayers are encouraged to register for making on-line payments on the eBill website at www.mcc.net. By using eBill taxpayers can have their payments withdrawn from their checking or savings accounts at minimal cost. Taxpayers also can make payments on eBill with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards for a small service fee. Payments can be made using

eBill until 11:59PM on the due date of February 1. Other options for taxpayers are to mail their payments to P.O. Box 1596 or deposit payments in the mail slot located near the back corner of Town Hall.

Payments are due in the Collector's Office no later than 4:00 pm on February 1, therefore, taxpayers should allow sufficient time for mail travel when mailing payments. If paying by personal online banking, taxpayers should allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Taxpayers should supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited with the payment.

According to State statute failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of the requirement to pay the tax bill and any resulting penalties and interest if the payment is late. Interest accrues at a rate of 14% per annum on bills not paid by the due date. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure taxes are paid on time and in full. New owners should contact the Collector's Office immediately if they have not received a tax bill.

Please call the Collector's Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 1 for questions regarding payments. The Collector's

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7 Pants
12 — Straw-berries" ('57 film)
16 Diner order
19 Anti-knock stuff
20 Kayak commander
21 Racer
22 Ipanema's locale
23 Riddle: Part 1
26 "A mouse!"
27 Deli delicacy
28 Insignificant
29 Like Yale's walls
30 Practice
32 Swimmer
33 Spud
35 Keen insight
36 Fall behind
39 "Paradise Lost" figure
40 Top-drawer
42 Ring site?
45 Parched
46 Freight or ferry
50 In the thick of
51 Get the better of
52 Folklore figures

- 54 Nationality suffix
55 "Baloney!"
56 Eye opener?
57 Respond to
58 Berry of "Monster's Ball"
60 Fern
61 Primer
62 "Enigma Variations" composer
63 Barrett or Jaffe
65 Riddle: Part 2
69 Wander
70 Songlike
71 — Patrick Harris
72 Offer an apple?
74 Writer
75 Quoted an expert
77 Winter warmer-upper
78 Not many
81 Classic beginning
82 Napoleon's cousin
84 Icing flavor
85 Gdansk denizen
86 Bond foe

- 88 Sheldon's — of Angels"
89 Clutches, e.g.
91 — acid
93 Stubborn
94 Small bay
95 Amulet motif
98 Perk up
99 Unclear
101 Butcher-shop buy
102 Serengeti sahib
104 "David Copperfield" character
105 Fleur-de-
108 Prior to, to Prior
109 Answer to riddle
114 Corsage fastener
115 Israeli diplomat
116 Novelist
117 Prophet
118 Soho snack
119 Wolf's portrayer
120 Literary land
121 Update a story

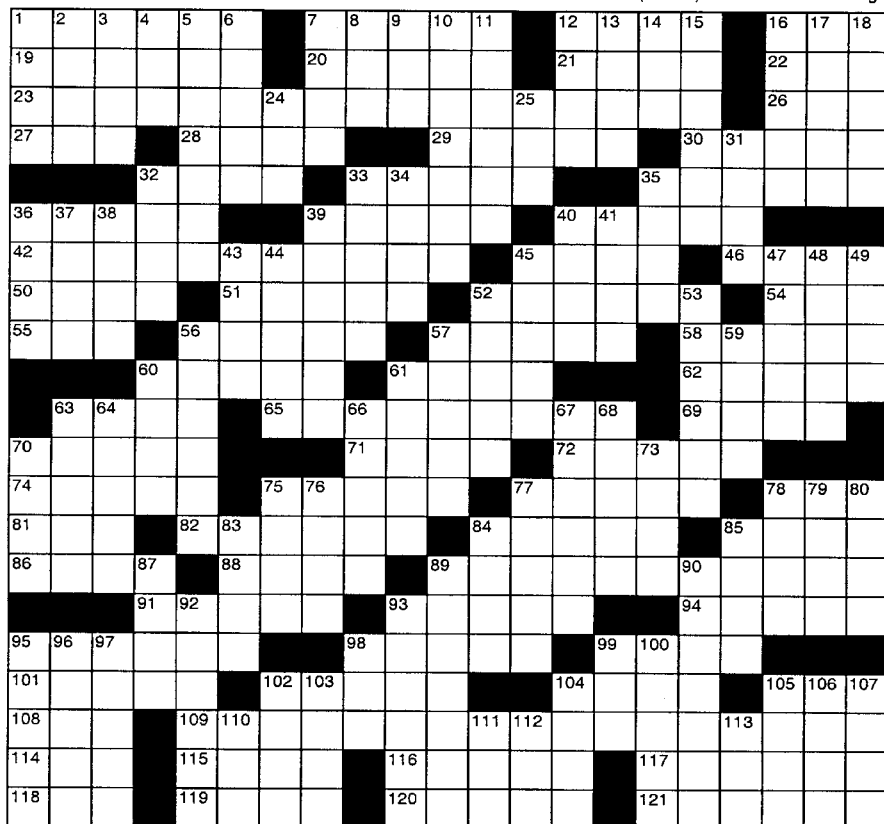
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- 1 Cry of distress
2 Return address?
3 Very low river?

- 4 Beyond balmy
5 Aberration
6 When Adam was a boy
7 Go fish, e.g.
8 Lofty peak
9 — whale
10 Cromwell, for one
11 Bauer or Bochco
12 Ebb
13 Incensed
14 Fool with the facts
15 Remove
16 Lutenist
17 Feudal figure
18 Symbol
24 Neighbor of Miss.
25 Salutation word
31 Takes to court
32 Temperate
33 Ryan's daughter
34 Perched on
35 — de-camp
36 It'll give you a lift
37 San —, Italy
38 Got off
39 Audiophile's equipment
40 Desire deified

- 41 Lifesaver flavor
43 Type of machete
44 Render defenseless
45 Ekberg or Bryant
47 Hagar the Horrible's wife
48 Cairo creed
49 Ibsen's — Gyn"
52 Snarl
53 Trekkers' guide
56 Certain helicopter
57 Plant pest
59 "Thanks —!"
60 Tizzy
61 Take the reins
63 Winona of "Mr. Deeds"
64 Heavenly hunter
66 Remove a ribbon
67 Thickset
68 Anne of "John Q."
70 Be a banker
73 Ditch under a draw-bridge
75 Family
76 Othello's inducer
77 Arrogant
78 — #1" ('61 hit)

- 79 Actress Sommer
80 Singer Dottie
83 Baby's bed
84 Gangster's gal
85 Liqueur glass
87 Galley features
89 Idle talk
90 Odd
92 Tangled
93 Bite for Bonzo
95 Tidied the terrace
96 French physicist
97 Stadium shout
99 Torrid
100 Shady spot
102 Grumpy guy
103 "The Perfect Fool"
104 "What's My Line?" host
105 Lingerie trim
106 "— never happen!"
107 Cartoonist Silverstein
110 Cable channel
111 Actress Le Gallienne
112 Overalls feature
113 Chomp on a chimichanga



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Mixed signals could create problems. Make sure your views are presented clearly, and insist others do the same. Don't let an unanswered question go by without a full explanation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial pressures ease, allowing for more budget flexibility. But as the money-wise Bovine will appreciate, thrift still beats out splurging. Expect news from someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting things done is what you do so well. But be careful not to overtax your energy reserves. Take time out to relax or to do something different to help keep them at optimum levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is a good time to satisfy the Moon Child's growing sense of wanderlust. Choose a really special place to go to, with a very special person to share it all with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being in the spotlight. But be careful it doesn't blind you to the truth behind a seemingly wonderful opportunity. Look closer and you might be sadly surprised at what you find.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Isn't it time to take a break from your hectic schedule? Sure it is. And the sooner you do, the sooner you can return fresh and more than ready to take on all those new projects.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family incident can help bring everyone closer, and there's no one who's better at making that happen than you. Accept (indeed, insist on!) help from others to get things off and running. **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Long-held habits are often difficult to break. But the change from how you always did things to how you can do them now can be liberating. So, be flexible and give it a try.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone you met in your professional world last year and thought you would never hear from again could make a sudden reappearance in your life, along with an interesting job offer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Once again, you delight everyone by coming up with a solution for a problem that actually works. On another note, it's not too early to get started on those travel plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Before you go ahead with finalizing your plans for your new project, check them over to see if you can make some improvements or if you can find ways to cut costs.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Fabulous Fish might have been out of the social swim for too long, and it's time you plunge back in. Reinforce your old friendships and be open to starting new ones.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your creative talents help bring beauty to the world and the people in it. On their behalf, thank you.

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Office is open for business Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Questions regarding property values and abatements should be directed to the Assessors' Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 3.

Marion Art Center Winter News

Membership to the Marion Art Center is open to the public. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Members also receive discounts on theater and concert tickets, class tuitions and special events, as well as receiving the quarterly Newsletter, and invitations to gallery openings. Patrons are included in playbills and other publications. For more information, call the Marion Art Center office.

- **Winter Members Show** – The Winter Members Show is on display now in both galleries at the Marion Art Center. The exhibition runs until **February 24**.

- **Rehearsals** – Rehearsals are underway for the Marion Art Center's spring play, *Rumors* by Neil Simon to be produced **March 5, 6, 11, 12, 13**, at 8:00 pm and Sunday, **March 7** at 4:00 pm. Directed by Deborah Bokelkamp, this hilarious adult comedy features Michel Letourneau, Jay Gould, Kim Teves, Ric Teves, Nancy Sparklin, Jay Ryan, Mark Letourneau, Ruth Olson, Stephanie Caron and Jeffrey Gateley. Tickets are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations are recommended. Tables are available for parties of 4 or more. 508-748-1266.

- **Auditions** for *Imagine: an American Girl Musical Revue* to be produced **June 4, 5, and 6**, will be held on Sunday, **March 14** from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This family show calls for 2 men, 4 women, and 8 girls (ages 8 – 14). The production is made up of skits and songs based on the American Girl characters: Felicity, Josefina, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha and Molly. Wendy Bidstrup and Nancy Sparklin are the directors.

- **Valentine Tea Party** – Reservations are now being accepted for the Valentine Tea Party at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, **February 6** at 3:00 pm. Children and adults will enjoy entertainment based on an American Girl theme with music and a skit, do a hands-on crafts project, plus fancy food and fun. Tickets are \$15 for MAC members and kids, \$20 non-members. Seating is limited. Please call 508-748-1266 by February 1 to reserve a table for this special event.

The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays,

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10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free. Membership is open to everyone interested in supporting, promoting and enjoying the visual and performing arts. For information call 508-748-1266 or visit www.marionartcenter.org.

Great Decisions at Mattapoissett Woman's Club

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is sponsoring "Great Decisions," a national civic education program and publication of the Foreign Policy Association. All interested members of the SouthCoast community are invited to come take a seat at the table and discuss the challenges to the global order, major issues that cut across national boundaries, and how world events will impact and shape American lives.

Published annually, the "Great Decisions" briefing book highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today providing essential background information, relevant facts, current data, and policy options for each of the eight issues and serves as the focal text for discussion groups.

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TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by WILLIAM F. & KAREN M. CURLEY for the following work at 154 Spring Street (shown as Lot 50 on Marion Assessors' Map 13): demolish the existing dwelling, construct a new dwelling, alter and replicate a bordering vegetated wetland, install a dense planting strip, and to fill and grade. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Norman A. Hills, Chairman 01/28

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LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING



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Comcast Channel 9 Verizon Channel 36

Sunday Jan. 31, 2010

6:30 AM - Words of Peace
7:00 AM - Second Coming Church
8:00 AM - The New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM - Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM - Physician Focus
11:30 AM - White House Chronicles
Noon - The Commonwealth Report - With Sen. Marc Pacheco
12:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
1:00 PM - Free Minds TV
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM - The New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:30 PM - 2009 Marian Medal Awards Ceremony - Diocese of Fall River
7:00 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
7:30 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:00 PM - The Sippican Historical Society Presents
11:00 PM - Explore
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Monday Feb. 1, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Marion Art Center Artstart 2009
10:00 AM - Arts and Ideas
10:30 AM - Second Act
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:30 PM - Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM - Sharing Miracles

8:30 PM - Physician's Focus
9:00 PM - Free Minds TV
9:30 PM - Around BCC
10:00 PM - Smart Boating
10:30 PM - Life Matters
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Tuesday Feb. 2, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Seniors on the Move
10:30 AM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Abel Grace
4:30 PM - Senior Scene
5:00 PM - Community Arts in Action
5:30 PM - Expedition New England
6:00 PM - 2009 Marian Medal Awards Ceremony - Diocese of Fall River
7:00 PM - Homefront
8:00 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
Midnight - Midnight Mausoleum

Wednesday Feb. 3, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Gardening Rhythms
10:30 AM - Cooking With Marie
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
1:30 PM - New England Jobs Show
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
5:00 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion

Art Center
5:30 PM - Second Act TV
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - White House Chronicle
7:30 PM - The Commonwealth Report - With Sen. Marc Pacheco
8:00 PM - Midwest Politics with David Pakman
9:00 PM - The Dr. Is In
9:30 PM - Sharing Miracles
10:00 PM - Fox Robbins Business Show
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:30 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight - Midnight Movie
1:30 AM - Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday Feb. 4, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Midwest Politics with David Pakman
10:00 AM - Kids a Cookin'
10:30 AM - Homefront
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - 2009 Marian Medal Awards Ceremony - Diocese of Fall River
5:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Abel Grace
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Music Hour
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Feb. 5, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM - Green By Design
10:30 AM - Healthwise Alternatives
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch

11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
5:00 PM - Community Arts in Action
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM - Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM - Homefront
8:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
9:30 PM - Free Minds TV
10:00 PM - Ampersand
11:00 PM - Around BCC
11:30 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight - Friday Night Drive-In Theater Midnight Movies

Saturday Feb. 6, 2009

8:00 AM - Classic Cartoon Festival
10 AM - Marion Art Center Artstart 2009
10:30 AM - NASA 360
11:00 AM - Expedition New England
11:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
Noon - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
12:30 PM - Around BCC
1:00 PM - New England Daycations
1:30 PM - U-Mass Dartmouth Sports
4:30 PM - Expedition New England
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Music Hour
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Saturday Fright Special

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule

8:30 AM - Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
12:15 PM - Marion Affordable Housing Trust
2:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
9:30 PM - Marion Affordable Housing Trust

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule

9:00 AM - Latest School Committee Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
4:30 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule

7:30 AM - 2010 King Day of Service at ORRHS
8:30 AM - ORRHS Holiday Talk Show - Group A
9:00 AM - Life After ORR - Tommy Morris
10:00 AM - ORRHS 2010 Talent Show
10:55 AM - 2009 Center School Holiday Play
11:30 AM - Bulldog TV 2009 Fall Show
12:30 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball
1:30 PM - 2010 King Day of Service at ORRHS
2:20 PM - RMS SL Weather Reports
5:00 PM - Life After ORR - Tommy Morris
6:30 PM - RMS SL Weather Reports
8:00 PM - ORRHS 2010 Talent Show
9:30 PM - 2010 King Day of Service at ORRHS
10:30 PM - Life After ORR - Tommy Morris
11:10 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball

most significant and far-reaching challenges.

Please consider joining us in 2010. Our discussion group shares diversity of opinion. The discussion group meets for 90 minutes on eight consecutive Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. The next meeting will be February 3.

Rochester Woman's Club News

The next meeting of the Rochester Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, **February 4** at 6:30 pm, at the Clubhouse, located at 37 Marion Road (Route 105) in Rochester.

This meeting will be the annual Rochester Woman's Club potluck dinner. Please bring a main dish. Beverages and dessert will be provided by the Club. Everyone is encouraged to dress in red and bring a valentine gift to exchange. We will have a brief meeting at 6:30 pm and dinner will be at 7:00.

Our Christmas party in Onset was a great success. The food was fabulous and the company was great. Thank you Justin and Sarah for a great time. The Rochester Woman's Club is a charitable non-profit organization dedicated helping those less fortunate than us. We welcome all women from any town. For information about the club, call Nancy at 508-654-6621.

Please join the Rochester Women's Club for a Valentine meeting and potluck dinner, or just stop by for a glass of cheer and see some friendly faces.

Nasketucket Bird Club

On **January 28**, at 7:00 pm the Nasketucket Bird Club will present its first program of the year – "Bird Talk" by Professor Allen Powers. He will present a conversation about Winter Birds, discussing the watching, listening and replying to birdcalls, as detailed in his interesting book, *Conversation With Birds*. Mr. Powers is a professor of English at Bristol Community College. The Nasketucket Bird Club meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Please use the south door entrance. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For more information, call the club president Mike LaBossiere at 508-863-5658.

Pan Neubean Steel

On **January 28**, the PTA Arts and Humanities will welcome PanNeubean Steel to both Center and Old Hammondtown Schools. PanNeubean Steel showcases the Steel Pan's musical versatility – providing us with

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This program will entertain Mattapoisett children at the Center School at 10:00 am and 1:15 pm at the Old Hammondtown School on January 28.

Marion Artist has Exhibition

Marion artist Joan DeRuggeris will have an exhibition of recent work at the Maxwell Mays Gallery at The Providence Art Club, in Providence RI.

Influenced by a recent trip to North Africa, this body of work depicts villages and vistas transposed onto canvases as painterly abstractions with figurative references to a different culture and time.

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in this part of the world, Ms. DeRuggeris breaks down the elements while still keeping the feel of the subject matter. Oils and acrylics with occasional pastels are used to execute the impressions.

The show opens with an artist reception on **February 7** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The show runs through **February 26**. The Providence Art Club is located on Thomas St in Providence RI. For more information, visit providenceartclub.org

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The 2010 Cape Cod Half-Marathon Trilogy Race Series kicks off on **February 28** at the Hyannis Half Marathon in Hyannis, Massachusetts. This is the second half-marathon in the series called "Great Hyannis."

The "Johnny Kelley Half-Marathon" will also take place in Hyannis, Massachusetts on **May 28** during the Memorial Day weekend. The Half-Marathon honors the great marathoner, Johnny Kelley, who won the Boston Marathon twice.

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Please join Community Nurse and Hospice Care for good food including spaghetti with sauce, bread and dipping sauce, salad, dessert and beverages! This fun evening out will also include a 50/50 raffle and a chance auction with over 25 prizes! All proceeds from this event will benefit the patients and families of the agency's Hospice Program.

Community Nurse and Hospice Care is dependent upon donations and fundraisers to support their hospice program. As you may imagine, terminal illness is challenging to both patients and their families. The agency is committed to not only providing medical care, comfort and dignity to hospice patients, but also to offsetting the financial burden that families may endure after health insurance reimbursements have been exhausted.

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For tickets or more information, please contact Linda Quinn, Fundraising Coordinator, at 508-992-6278, lquinn@communitynurse.com, or 508-992-6591 (fax). For more specifics about Community Nurse and Hospice Care, please refer to www.communitynurse.com.

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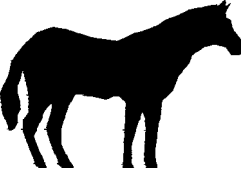
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This series, directed by Andy McWain and presented by Gallery X, a local/regional artist cooperative and gallery, is made possible, in part, with the support of a Whaling City Sound grant. A special thanks to Neal Weiss for his support.

This month's Audible Think takes place on **February 3** at 7:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation.

- **Lore Lounge** – Live soul, jazz and spoken-word is featured at Lore Lounge, which is an alcohol-free show with live jazz and soul, hosted by Phillip Aaron, Mwalim and The Bass Mint Bros with featured spoken-word artists, singers and open mic. This program meets the fourth Friday of each month at 8:30 pm. The suggested donation for Lore Lounge is \$5. More info call 508-566-6269 or email mgmulti@gmail.com.

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Old Colony Nature Photo Contest

The 2010 Green Fair to take place **March 20** from 10:00 to 4:00 pm at Old Colony Vocational Technical High School in Rochester, sponsored by The Environmental Advocates for Massachusetts, Southeast (TEAMS) and the Taunton River Watershed Alliance (TRWA), is having a

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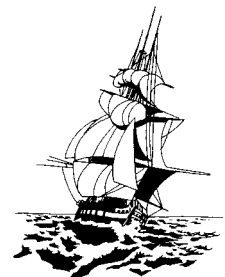
The rules are simple: No more than two entries per person. Each entry must be an 8 x 10 photograph, un-framed and un-matted. Each entry should represent the theme of "Nature in Transition" and must be taken somewhere within Southeastern Massachusetts. Be sure to list your name, address, telephone number, email, where and when the photo was taken on the back of your photo. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to allow TEAMS to reserve the right to use any and all contest entries for educational and promotional purposes only.

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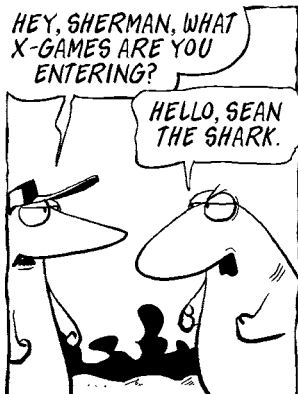
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Dinner will be held in the Church Hall at 34 Center Street, in Fairhaven. Please use the William Street entrance. Purchase tickets at the door or call 508-993-3368 to make your reservation. The Spaghetti Dinner Donation is: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 5-12, Under 5 free, \$25 for a family of 4.

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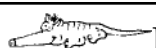
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Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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In the January 21 issue
the Aardvark was on page 15!

Local Tides

Date	Day	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
January 28:	Thurs.	5:53	6:20	...	12:09
January 29:	Fri.	6:46	7:12	12:01	12:59
January 30:	Sat.	7:37	8:03	12:47	1:45
January 31:	Sun.	8:27	8:53	1:43	2:28
February 1:	Mon.	9:18	9:45	2:36	3:09
February 2:	Tues.	10:08	10:37	3:27	3:49
February 3:	Wed.	11:00	11:30	4:17	4:29
February 4:	Thurs.	11:53	...	5:09	5:12
February 5:	Fri.	12:25	12:48	6:11	6:00
February 6:	Sat.	1:22	1:45	7:56	7:02
February 7:	Sun.	2:24	2:48	9:26	8:22
February 8:	Mon.	3:31	3:53	10:24	9:35
February 9:	Tues.	4:35	4:54	11:07	10:28
February 10:	Wed.	5:32	5:46	11:41	11:14
February 11:	Thurs.	6:16	6:28	11:59	11:56
February 12:	Fri.	6:55	7:07	...	12:38
February 13:	Sat.	7:31	7:42	12:38	1:10
February 14:	Sun.	8:04	8:16	1:18	1:42

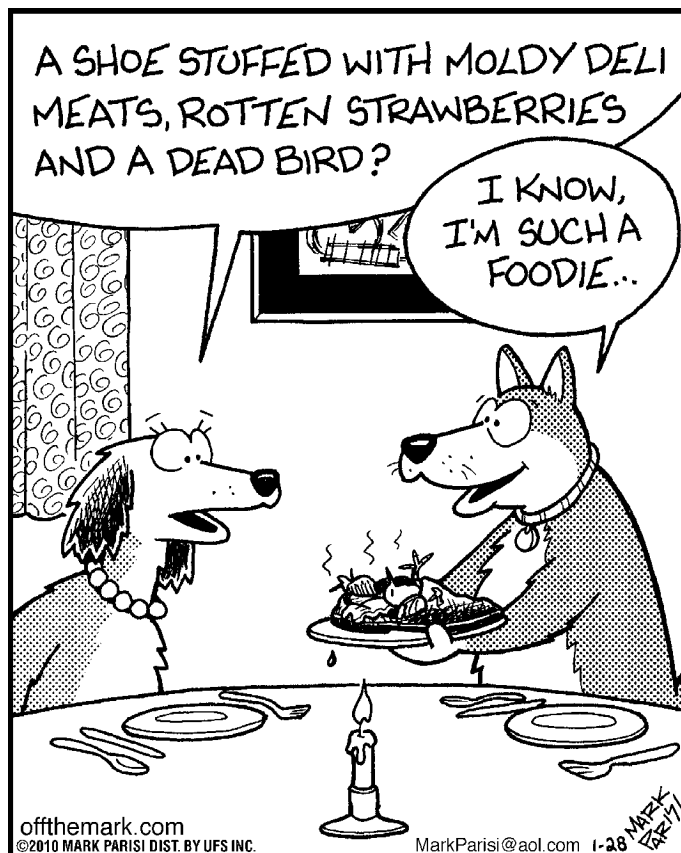
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